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HOSPITAL AND TRAINING-SCHOOL ITEMS



HOSPITALS

THE United Charities Hospital at Cambridge, Md., opens up its new buildings with ceremonies on Thursday, November 17. These buildings, which have been in course of erection for some time, are beautifully situated, well planned, and carefully built, and afford accommodation for about sixty patients.

MISS EMMA POWER, Johns Hopkins Training-School, 1901, has been appointed superintendent of the East End Hospital, Pittsburg, Pa., and begins her work there next month. She takes with her as head nurses Miss Mary E. Brown, Class of 1901, and Miss Elizabeth Griffin, Class of 1903.

PROJECTORS of the Oncologic Hospital met in the office of Dr. J. Solis Cohen and signed an application for a charter. This marks the actual beginning of the new hospital for cancerous growths to be erected in Philadelphia.

THE new Italian hospital at the corner of Seventh and Christian Streets, Philadelphia, has been opened for inspection by the Board of Directors and friends of the institution.

FOR the benefit of its employés, the Central Railroad will erect a hospital in Monterey, Mexico.

THE corner-stone of the hospital at Little Falls, N. Y., has been laid.

SOME OF THE WAYS IN WHICH HOSPITALS ARE AIDED

THE New Hackley Hospital at Muskegon, Mich., opened on November 17. For an institution of its size, with a capacity of sixty beds, this hospital is believed to be as complete, scientific, and modern in its plan and equipment as any yet built. It is the gift of Charles H. Hackley to his home city, which had already received from him many gifts of the most praiseworthy character, which with this represent a money value of more than one and a half million dollars. Aside from its endowment this hospital with its grounds has cost over two hundred thousand dollars. The new hospital is built on the pavilion plan. It has a central administration building facing the north, while connected with this by spacious corridors are the east and west pavilions devoted to the wards and rooms for patients. To the rear of the administration building is the service building, with kitchen, laundry, power, lighting, and heating plant. These four buildings are really one single building, constructed of the best materials and practically fire-proof. The extreme length from east to west across the front is two hundred and four feet, while from the front of the building to the south end of the service building is two hundred and fifty feet. The exterior walls are of red pressed brick, with foundations and stone trimmings of Bedford limestone. The roof is of red tile, while the windows are of plate glass. The main operating-room on the third floor contains all the most modern conveniences and appliances, with an X-ray room adjoining. Mr. Hackley has been

most generous in providing the trustees with everything to make the hospital complete, his constant aim being to get the best.

THE opening day receipts of the New York Subway amounted to five thousand five hundred and fifty dollars, which amount Mr. August Belmont, the president of the road, ordered divided between the city hospitals.

MR. CANTHRA MULOCK, of Toronto, has presented one hundred thousand dollars to the trustees of the General Hospital for the purpose of building an outdoor dispensary in connection with that institution.

MR. GEORGE ARENTS, JR., has presented to the Nassau Hospital, L. I., a check for one thousand dollars as the nucleus of a fund to establish a ward for private patients at that institution.

MR. J. A. TRAUT, president of the New Britain (Conn.) General Hospital, has contributed one hundred dollars towards the equipment of the operating-room.

BY the will of the late Mariana Arnot Ogden the Arnot Ogden Memorial Hospital of Elmira, N. Y., receives two hundred thousand dollars.

TRAINING-SCHOOL NOTES

THE graduating exercises of the Training-School for Nurses of the Toronto General Hospital were held October 21, the fiftieth anniversary of Florence Nightingale's departure for the Crimea. Though the evening was stormy, a very large audience gathered. Speeches were made by Sir William Meredith, Dr. F. Grossell, Mr. J. W. Flavell, Canthra Mulock, and others, after which there was a reception in "The Residence," with music, dancing, and refreshments. Miss Snively gave an interesting report in which she stated that eighteen graduates had accepted hospital positions during the year. There had been many applications that could not be filled both from the United States and Canada. The total number of graduates from the Toronto General School is now four hundred and seven, three hundred and ninety-one of whom have been graduated under Miss Snively. Two hundred and forty-four special nurses had been employed for two thousand one hundred and eighty-three days during the year, an increase of eighty-nine nurses and five hundred and fifty-eight days over the previous year. As the Toronto General is a public hospital, this is an interesting item, as showing a great advance in the character of the nursing service. A preliminary course for nurses has been established at the Toronto Technical High School, covering a period of four months. Five of the eight pupils to take this course last year have been admitted as probationers to the Toronto General School. It is too early yet to speak definitely of the advantages of this course, but it is a step in the line of advanced methods of training.

THE Providence Hospital of El Paso, Tex., has graduated its first class of two nurses, Miss Lucy Houghton and Miss Marian Farmer. A large ward-room was decorated in blue and white, the class colors. Dr. Schuster, the president of the board, presided. There was an invocation by the Rev. J. M. White, and an interesting programme of music. Dr. Thompson made the address to the graduates, in which he said:

"A nurse may be gifted with the tongues of men and angels, she may be

blessed with a magnificent education, and she may have the benefit of the finest of training, but if she has not tact she will be continually in hot water. A nurse must work in the homes of the poor and of the wealthy surrounded by all the advantages and in the most meager surroundings, in the homes of the Pharisee and Sadducee, Jew and Gentile, and people of every political and religious faith, and unless she exercises constant tact she will find herself always harassed by annoyances."

Above all else Dr. Thompson emphasized the need of making usefulness the great aim of the nurse's life. Duty is of all-importance, and all else, he said, should be subordinated to it. Dr. Higgins also made an address, and Miss A. Louise Dietrich, the superintendent, presented the nurses with badges.

A PRETTY Hallowe'en party was given by the Faxon Hospital nurses, which was much enjoyed by the invited guests as well as by the nurses themselves. The first floor of the Florence Nightingale Home was thrown open for the event. Apples were suspended from chandeliers, and some floated in a tub, with the usual snapping attempt to secure one of them. Bouquets of parsley and red peppers decorated mantel and doorway, giving quite a harvest festival effect. At the main entrance two vividly carved jack-o'-lanterns announced welcome with grinning hospitality. Surprises occurred throughout the feast. First, several tried their matrimonial prospects by being blindfolded and dipping their fingers into fateful dishes of fluid. Fortunes were told by a nurse expert in fortune-telling. A cake containing a coin and a ring was next drawn upon. Last of all, a huge pie was produced with a paper crust so perforated as to emit twenty strings, the number of invited guests, who, grasping the ends of the same, drew forth each a gift. All these pleasantries were interspersed with music and dancing, which, however, did not receive the usual attention because of the unexpected which was expected to happen. Attractive refreshments were afterwards served.

THOSE who are watching the effect of registration upon the education of nurses will note with interest an item in the last number of the JOURNAL, stating that the nursing in the Hospital for Crippled Children will in future be done by pupil nurses of the University of Maryland School, and form a part of their training. Furthermore, a graduate of the University School has been made superintendent of nurses at the Crippled Children's Hospital. Dr. Funstall Taylor, to whom this hospital owes its existence, is to be congratulated upon having adopted the best method known at present of carrying on the nursing of patients in a hospital devoted to the treatment of special diseases.

THE Garfield Hospital Training-School, Washington, has established a preparatory course of three-months' duration. The ground covered during this period is that usually devoted to such instruction, but owing to the fact that Miss Nevins is matron of the hospital as well as superintendent of nurses, opportunities for such teaching are unusually liberal and a very complete and thorough course has been instituted.

THE new nurses' cottage at the Erie County Hospital, Buffalo, is slowly nearing completion, but will not be ready for occupancy until sometime during the winter. The increased size of the building will enable the hospital to increase the number of nurses in the Training-School, which is much needed.

FOUR nurses were graduated from the Morton Hospital Training-School on November 4, 1904. Those who received the honors were Miss L. M. Anderson, Miss S. M. Dillon, Miss A. R. Murray, and Miss M. R. Conchete.

ARMY NURSE CORPS.—From the Report of the Surgeon-General for 1904:

"During the last fiscal year three hundred and twelve graduate nurses have applied for admission to the corps. There have been thirty-seven appointments (twenty-seven new, ten having had previous service) and thirty-six discharges. On June 30, 1904, the corps was filled to its maximum strength, having one hundred nurses on active duty, distributed as follows:

United States Army General Hospital, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.	39
United States Army General Hospital, Fort Bayard, N. M.	15
First Reserve Hospital, Manila, P. I.	34
Convalescent Hospital, Corregidor Island, P. I.	4
Base Hospital, Iloilo, P. I.	5
On detached duty at Zamboanga, P. I.	2
Home awaiting discharge.	1
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"The increasing demand for nurses at the hospitals made it necessary to assign the work as dietist at the Hospital Corps Company of Instruction, Fort McDonald, Cal., to a nurse at large. It was formerly done by a member of the corps. There are at present five hospitals where trained nurses are on duty, two in the United States and three in the Philippine Islands.

"The health of the corps has been uniformly good. There has been no case of serious illness and no death during the year.

"For many reasons it seems that a more generous provision should be made for the subsistence of the nurses. The ration alone is wholly inadequate. Owing to the comparatively small number serving at any one place, the savings therefrom are too insignificant to create a fund which might otherwise be applied to the improvement of their mess. This is notably true in the Philippines, where the cost of living is high and the need of a generous diet is particularly important.

"It also seems desirable that some inducement to remain in the corps should be offered the older and most highly efficient nurses. An increase in pay of five per cent. for every three years of service would be in line with the procedure in other branches of the military establishment and attain the desired end at a trifling cost to the government.

"The nurses have shown themselves an efficient and dignified body of women. A medical officer commanding one of the large general hospitals writes: 'I have nothing but praise for the nurses of the Army Nurse Corps who have come under my observation. They have done faithful and most valuable work, and their services have been of inestimable value to the Medical Department.'

PERSONAL

THE following members of the Class of 1904 of the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia have accepted hospital positions: Miss Beatrice E. Connelly, head nurse of gynecological and obstetrical wards at the Allegheny General Hospital, Allegheny, Pa.; Miss Mabel Metzler, assistant superintendent Reading Hospital, Reading, Pa.; Mrs. Maude Barnes, night superintendent Sloane Maternity Hospital, New York, N. Y.; Miss M. Katherine Thatcher, head nurse of medical wards, Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia; Miss Mildred Clark, graduate

nurse of Dulles Ward, Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia; Miss Sophia D. Roess, head nurse of Altoona Hospital, Altoona, Pa.; Miss Mary Wenger, staff nurse at the Atlantic City Hospital, Atlantic City, N. J.

AT Detroit, Mich., a committee meeting was held in October at the Mayor's office to make preparations for the memorial to be erected in honor of Sister Francis, of St. Mary's Hospital. The committee will have an addition built to the hospital and the plans prepared have practically been approved, Sister Francis being missioned to Carney Hospital, Boston, Mass., last September, after forty-one years of active service. Her name and work will live long in the memories of the hospital attachés.

MISS CHRISTIANA DICK, Johns Hopkins Training-School, 1899, has recently been appointed superintendent of the Baltimore Eye, Ear, and Throat Infirmary, a small hospital with an excellent out-patient department and with accommodations for both free and private patients. In view of the large place which diseases of the eye take in her work among the public school children, it would seem as if training in this important branch of work might become an essential feature of a nurse's education.

A DISTRICT NURSE for work in the country is needed by the District Nursing Association of Northern Westchester County, New York, Miss C. M. Wood, Mt. Kisco, N. Y., chairman of the committee. The association works through a number of villages on the line of the Harlem Railroad and has the use of four endowed beds in New York hospitals for its patients. It has been successfully carried on for four years and is now taking on a second nurse.

THE following nurses, members of the *alumnæ*, have been appointed to fill vacancies at the Roosevelt Hospital: Miss Fanny Newlands, head nurse in private patients' pavilion; Miss Mae Chamberlain, night superintendent; Miss Anne R. Milliken, nurse in charge of emergency department; Miss Grace E. Peck, head nurse children's medical ward.

MISS MARIE CLOSE has been appointed superintendent of the Altoona Hospital, Altoona, Pa. Miss Close has held the positions of night superintendent and head nurse of the surgical and nervous wards in the Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia, of which she is a graduate.

MISS ALICE I. TWITCHELL, graduate of the New York Hospital, has resigned the position of supervisor at Sandford Hall to accept that of superintendent of the New Rochelle Hospital at New Rochelle, N. Y., and commenced her duties on November 1.

MISS STELLA IRWIN has been appointed to fill the vacancy at the Emergency Hospital, Toronto, caused by the resignation of Miss Elizabeth Campbell Gordon, who has accepted the position of superintendent of the General Hospital at Kingston.

MISS ELIZABETH C. BURGESS and Miss Margaret Blair, graduates of the Roosevelt Hospital Training-School, Class of 1904, will have charge of the operating-room at the New French Hospital, West Thirty-fourth Street, N. Y.

MISS MARY M. McKECHNIE, recently superintendent of the Woman's Infirmary, Livingstone Place, New York, has returned to that city and is engaged at present in work in connection with tuberculosis under the Board of Health.

MISS AMY RULE, Garfield Hospital graduate, has resigned the position of superintendent of the Girls' Reform School, which she has held with credit for a number of years, her intention being to take up the study of medicine.

MISS MINNIE C. MORLEY, of the Class of 1904, Lebanon Hospital, New York, is very ill with typhoid fever at the above hospital. Miss Morley has been very successful in private duty since her graduation.

MISS M. A. NESBIT in a letter to the *British Journal of Nursing*, written from Kobe, Japan, on September 3, makes the statement that the American nurses are now on their way back to America.

MISS MAY BASTEDO, of the Class of 1900, Toronto General Hospital Training-School for Nurses, has been appointed superintendent of the South Mississippi Infirmary, Hattiesburg, Miss.

MISS GERTRUDE THOMPSON, Class of 1903, Lakeside Training-School, Cleveland, O., has accepted a position as head nurse of a medical ward in the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

MISS MARY BROWNE, Johns Hopkins, Class of 1901, and Miss Elizabeth Griffin, Class of 1903, have taken positions under Miss Power at the new East End Hospital, Pittsburg.

MISS PAXTON, Garfield Hospital graduate, has resigned the position of superintendent of nurses of the Columbian University Hospital. She will enter the field of private nurses.

MISS ANNIE R. YOUNG, graduate and late assistant, New York Hospital, is now the superintendent of the General Hospital at Watertown, N. Y., assuming her new duties on October 1.

MISS EDA M. LUCAS and Miss Ella E. Stoltz, of Columbus, O., have returned from a six-months' trip through the West, California, Colorado, Kansas, and to the World's Fair.

MRS. McDONALD, of Buffalo, N. Y., and her little daughter spent a few days at the Nurses' Club of St. Mary's Hospital, Detroit, Mich., of which school she is a graduate.

MISS ROBINA STEWART, Johns Hopkins, Class of 1901, has left her position at the Johns Hopkins to become assistant to Miss Wood at the Bryn Mawr Hospital.

MISS VIRGINIA MACMASTER, Johns Hopkins Hospital, is in Philadelphia taking a course in physical culture and massage at Dr. Mitchell's Sanatorium.

MISS ELLEN LA MOTTE, Johns Hopkins, Class of 1902, has been appointed assistant to Miss van Blarcom at the St. Luke's Hospital, St. Louis.

MISS LENA BAUER, Garfield Hospital graduate, who was ill at Garfield Memorial Hospital during the summer, is much improved in health.

MISS MARTHA RUSSELL, New York Hospital graduate, is now in charge of the Sloane Maternity Hospital, New York City.

MISS URBAN, of St. Mary's Hospital, Detroit, Mich., has returned to Toledo, O., her former home, to do private nursing.

MISS HELEN GARDNER was appointed head nurse at the Home for Incurables, Washington, D. C., in June last.

MISS ELIZABETH FLAWS has resigned her position as superintendent of the General Hospital, Kingston.